Promotion of non-conventional energy sources in rural areas

836. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTION ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the action taken for achieving greater universalisation of non-conventional energy supplies in the rural areas to help weaker section?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has been promoting various non-conventional energy sources like biogas, biomass, solar, wind, small hydro, etc. in various parts of the country through demonstration and extension of technology, training, publicity and awareness creation. Under the schemes being implemented, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is provided to sections of people in both rural and urban areas for installation of such systems. However, in some schemes enhanced levels of CFA are available for users belonging to weaker sections, remote areas, North-East region and special areas. Research and Development activities are also supported for development of more cost effective technologies for wide spread use.

Creation of a village energy security plan

837. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a village energy security plan for employment generation and overall sustainable development;

(b) if so, the number of villages to be covered during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of plan made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) A draft Outline Plan has been prepared by the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for creating energy security in villages through locally available biomass and other renewable energy resources.